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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director  
FROM : Legislative Counsel  
SUBJECT : Possible Pre-ratification Testimony re Threshold Test  
Ban and Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaties Between  
the U.S. and U.S.S.R.

1. The Threshold Test Ban Treaty was signed by the parties on July 3, 1974, leaving for negotiation the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty. This treaty was signed on 28 May 1976. The treaties will now be submitted to the Senate for ratification. Thereafter, the appropriate Senate committees (probably Foreign Relations and Armed Services) will hold hearings on the treaties and will probably ask for Agency testimony with respect to the ability of the U.S. to monitor U.S.S.R. compliance with treaty provisions. Therefore, it is recommended that the Agency begin preparing testimony for possible use at such hearings.

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2. A major problem in preparing such testimony is how to treat the

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4. Therefore, it is recommended that appropriate Agency components be directed to begin preparations for an appearance before the Senate committees. Due to the importance that will be attached to the ratification proceedings, I think you should be the Agency's principal witness. It has been suggested that [redacted]

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George L. Cary  
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Concur:

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George: The climate for leaks is so bad that I am worried about CIA disclosing anything on this!

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